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HEARTIEST GREETINGS OF THE SEASON

PERRY HOWARD IS FOUND NOT GUILTY

White Jury Finds No Grounds for Prosecution of Mississippi National Committeeman.

ALSO EXONERATE ASSOCIATES

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 21 (ANP).—After being locked up over night because of inability to agree, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of Perry W. Howard, former republican national committeeman from Mississippi, and his associates, who were charged with bartering federal patronage in the state of Mississippi.

The verdict, which was rendered here at noon Friday, bore out the prediction made by the Associated Negro Press correspondent when the trial opened that the defendants would be exonerated and that the desired end had been accomplished, namely, the wresting of the leadership in republican affairs in the state from the hands of Negroes.

The trial opened Monday with the court room packed with citizens of both races. The prosecuting attorney introduced A. P. Russell, former postmaster of Magee, Miss., who testified that he had paid Perry Howard, S. D. Redmond, and E. L. Patten \$3,000 for the postmastership.

As the white man told of how he visited Attorney Redmond, who exacted \$1,500 from him, and how he went with Redmond and the other Negro leaders to Washington to see the Mississippi republican leader, a smile draped the countenance of Attorney Perry W. Howard. The witness further testified that he was advised to return home and get "other endorsements" which meant an additional \$1,500.

Taking the stand in his own defense, Mr. Howard denied that he had received any money from Russell with the declaration, "I did not receive one penny from Mr. Russell in Washington or anywhere else." He admitted that he had held an interview with Russell, but at the time informed him that he had endorsed F. S. Swalm, white, of Brookhaven, for the position. Upon learning that the Mississippi senators favored the candidacy of Russell through Attorney John Marshall, an executive of the department of justice, Mr. Howard stated that he endorsed him. The attorney also stated that he told Russell at the Washington interview that if there was any financial consideration planned he would require them to withdraw from this office.

Attorney Redmond substantiated the testimony of Attorney Howard and declared that he made the trip to Washington to attend to some personal business and that his endorsement of Russell was incidental. He also refuted the statement of the white man that Russell had paid the expenses of the trip.

One of the features of the trial was the tilt between Lester G. Fant, prosecuting attorney, and Attorney Perry W. Howard, when the former injected the question: "Isn't it a fact that all of your department of justice recommendations were accepted?"

To this Mr. Howard replied: "I don't want to get personal, Mr. Fant, and I don't mean to be discourteous, but I recommended Mr. Edward Smith of Clarkdale for your place and Mr. John Marshall, administrative assistant in the department of justice said they wanted you."

This was followed by the following question by Fant: "Isn't it a fact that the district attorney usually appoints his own assistants?"

"Well, we usually get together," replied Mr. Howard. This drew a titter from the audience, much to the chagrin of Attorney Fant who is assistant district attorney for the northern Mississippi district. The tilt was occasioned by the statement of Mr. Howard to the effect that he considered a suggestion or recommendation from Mr. Marshall as an order.

Another feature of the trial was the testimony of Gus Woodcock, suspended bailiff of the Biloxi court, that A. P. Russell had approached him and offered him \$1,000 "to help frame these niggers."

Others indicted along with Attorneys Howard and Redmond were S. R. Redmond, druggist, "Col." E. L. Patten, and Scott Hubbard, a white man. All were declared not guilty.

DISCRIMINATION DENIED BY FLA. FLOOD RELIEF HEAD

Says No Basis for Charge That Negroes Were Discriminated Against by Red Cross.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 21 (ANP).—In reply to charges made by the Workers' Negro Relief committee, with headquarters in New York City, that Negroes were being discriminated against in the Florida flood area, Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, president of Bethune-Cookman college, and a national figure, vigorously protested and denied accusations and said in part:

"I do not know anything at all about the relief committee of New York, which has been criticizing the work of relief which is being done by the Red Cross among our people in this state. I have made careful investigation into this work and have had close contact with the workers, and I am happy to say that those rumors are absolutely false."

An investigation conducted by a representative of the Associated Negro Press revealed that the relief committee of New York had sent one investigator, Mr. Isbell of Chicago, to the storm area and this investigator had made a full and detailed report of conditions as he observed them. A reading of the report showed that Mr. Isbell had done a painstaking job and that for the most part found that there was little or no discrimination on the part of the officials of the American Red Cross. There were isolated cases of discrimination, with no affidavits to substantiate charges, but at least 85 per cent of the report showed that Negro victims were being treated fairly.

GIRL'S ENACTMENT OF KILLINGS FREES HER

Shreveport, La., Dec. 21 (ANP).—Mattie Lee, 13, charged with stabbing to death Louis Scott, 21, was acquitted here Tuesday.

The girl claimed self-defense, and with the knife which she killed Scott, in her hand, went through the actual motions. Judge Crane did not believe the girl holding the knife in the manner she said, would cut through the victim's coat, without cutting her hand, but was of the opinion that if she could, her story of the stabbing was true, and that she was justified in killing him. Consequently, the judge ordered the coat taken to a grocery store where it was wrapped around a sack of flour, and the girl, with the knife clutched by the blade, deftly slashed through the coat, penetrating the sack several inches. The stroke won her freedom.

CHURCHES AID IN EMPLOYMENT

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 21 (ANP).—According to a letter received by ten of the leading churches here, members of the Ministerial Alliance, the ministers were advised that one of the large business firms is preparing to employ one hundred colored salesgirls. Each church is supposed to send ten girls, it is reported.

Owing to the fact that the name of the firm cannot be divulged until after the list has gone in and the prospective sales girls have qualified, speculation is running rife as to what business concern it is. The colored people, however, are jubilant and many are of the opinion that it is the Sears-Roebuck company of Chicago which recently opened two large stores here.

K. OF P. HEAD SPEAKS IN DETROIT

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 21 (ANP).—S. W. Green, supreme chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, was the principal speaker at a Pythian gathering held at Bethel A. M. E. church here Sunday afternoon.

Chancellor Green gave a plain talk on co-operation in which he refuted the common saying that Negroes will not co-operate with one another by citing many of the outstanding things accomplished by the Pythians, such as the erection of a \$421,000 bath house at Hot Springs, Ark., the acquiring of over a million dollars in assets by the order, and the erection of the National Pythian temple in Chicago, which he termed the largest, most modern and most beautiful building owned by Negroes in the United States.

MISSISSIPPI REFUSES TO NAME NEGRO JURYMEN

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 21 (ANP).—Judge Wiley H. Potter overruled the motion to quash indictment against S. D. and S. R. Redmond, who claimed that the 14th amendment was violated, inasmuch as no Negroes were on the grand jury.

George P. Luckett and Elmer D. Greaves, members of the bar, who draw the names of the grand jury, testified that they would not under any circumstances draw the name of a Negro to serve on the grand jury. E. D. Fondren, Hinds county circuit clerk, testified that he had held the position for the past 25 years and had never known of a Negro doing jury service since the present state constitution was written in 1890. The Redmonds were placed under a bond of \$1,000 each on an attempt to defraud.

LIONS CLUB OPPOSES PAROLE TO NEGRO KILLER OF WHITE

Slidell, La., Dec. 21 (ANP).—The Slidell's Lions club, composed of business men, at their weekly luncheon, opposed the granting of a parole to Walter Cade, who has been sentenced to seven years in the state penitentiary for the killing of Charles Smith, a white man, in 1911. After the shooting, Cade eluded arrest for ten years but was captured in Missouri and brought back to this place for trial. A resolution signed by all the members was presented to the board of pardons.

DIES IN GAS EXPLOSION; BUILDING IS WRECKED

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 21 (ANP).—Shaking houses in the neighborhood and shattering windows, a terrific explosion from leaky gas killed William E. Jackson, 40, at his home at 4238 Compton avenue. He died from second degree burns at the General hospital. The building in which Jackson had his apartment was badly damaged.

CLOSE "POLICY HOUSE" IN DETROIT

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 21 (ANP).—After a thorough expose of the "policy game" by one of the daily newspapers here, a campaign to stamp out the policy "racket" has begun in earnest.

It is estimated that the 31 policy houses do a business of \$50,000 a day, with only a small percentage of this sum being paid out to winners. The past few days all the "houses" have been temporarily closed. The Ministerial Alliances, both white and colored, have been called on to help in an organized effort to stamp out the game for all time.

WOMAN DIES AT AGE OF 116

New Orleans, La., Dec. 21 (ANP).—Born in Baltimore during the war of 1812 and brought to Jonesville, La., for many years of slavery, Mrs. Delia Whitley died in this city Monday at the age of 116.

According to the woman's grandchildren and great grandchildren, several of whom reside in New Orleans, she was 116 years old when she became fatally ill two weeks ago. Until her last illness, she cooked and walked without assistance and saw well without glasses.

Following her emancipation, according to her children, she remained in Jonesville, and was well known throughout Catahoula parish. Two years she came here to live with her children. The body was shipped to Jonesville for interment.

I. GARLAND PENN, JR., WEDS

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 21 (ANP).—Announcement was made this week of the marriage of Rev. I. Garland Penn, jr., to Miss Willie Beatrice Mason of this city. Rev. Mr. Penn, who is a pastor of an M. E. church here, is the eldest son of Dr. I. Garland Penn, an M. E. official.

SETS FIRE TO RIVAL'S HOUSE

Bastrop, La., Dec. 21 (ANP).—Mattie Johnson is being held in the parish jail on a charge of arson. It is alleged that she set fire to a house occupied by Hattie Carter, in revenge for the stealing of the affections of her man.

MISCELLANEOUS BITS OF INTEREST

Philadelphia, Pa.—The merging of the Rosha Building and Loan association and the Stephen Smith Building and Loan association, with their combined capital increased from \$200,000 to \$800,000 has been recently announced.

Beaufort, Va.—The Rev. A. M. Simpson, pastor of the Baptist church, pastorate to enter business. He will act as state manager for the Continental Financing company of New York City.

Detroit, Mich.—The board of directors of the Michigan Peoples Finance corporation at its regular meeting Thursday, November 15, declared a Christmas dividend, payable December 15, to all stockholders as of record on December 1.

Gary, Ind.—Negroes engaged in business gave their second annual business exposition on December 3, 4, and 5. The exposition, which is sponsored by the Noonday Business club, was well attended and drew forth many novel commercial exhibits.

Camden, N. J.—Robert W. Smith has resigned as manager of the Philadelphia branch of the National Benefit Life Insurance company to take the office management of the Peoples Finance corporation of this city. Although this is the latest finance institution to assume importance in the field of colored finance, it has nearly all of its \$100,000 capital subscribed.

Durham, N. C.—Another business enterprise of considerable magnitude has been added to the many already possessed by colored people of this city. Mr. P. N. Baldwin, who formerly conducted a furniture store in Fayetteville, has gone into business here. The new establishment will be known as the Baldwin Bargain House.

Memphis, Tenn.—The Buffington Tailoring company, with headquarters in Chicago, has opened the first of a proposed chain of clothing stores at 337 Beale street, the site of its former headquarters.

Little Rock, Ark.—The Lincoln Security Life Insurance company, with a paid in capital of \$100,000 has recently been organized here. The company will operate on the legal reserve basis.

St. Louis, Mo.—The Midwest Life Insurance company of Missouri, an old line legal reserve company with a capital of \$100,000 has been authorized to increase its capitalization to \$200,000.

CHILD BURNS TO DEATH

New Orleans, La., Dec. 21 (ANP).—Mary Dancereau, age 7, is dead in Charity hospital, the result of burns received when she went to near a grate fire to light a cigaret, and her clothing caught fire. Her mother had gone to a grocery store and locked the child in a room.

Mary had been smoking cigarettes since babyhood. Her father thought it was cute and rather encouraged her, and her mother could not stop her. Just before her death, the little youngster often asked for cigarettes and seemed sad to learn that babies and juveniles were not allowed to smoke in wards.

SWEEPS CARTRIDGE IN FIRE; IS KILLED

Scooba, Miss., Dec. 21 (ANP).—Annie Clark was the victim of a peculiar accident which cost her her life. When sweeping the kitchen floor, she noticed a cartridge lying in the edge of the fire place. She did not pick it up, but swept it into the ashes. The cartridge exploded the ball, penetrating her stomach.

DESERTED HUSBY BURNS WIFE'S NEW HOME

Clarksdale, Miss., Dec. 21 (ANP).—Because his wife packed up her possessions and left him, Eli Hill set fire to her new home in an effort to "get even." He is now in jail on charges of arson, and the prospects are that Eli will go where matches are not found at every turn—the guard will give him one occasionally.

OPEN NEW NATIONAL RESORT IN MICHIGAN

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 21 (ANP).—E. J. Jacob, of the Jacob Realty company, Grand Rapids, Mich., was in Chicago this week, laying before the aristocratic citizenry of the Southside his plans for the development of a brand new Idlewild at Long Lake, Mich., a short distance from Grand Rapids.

Under his supervision, the Rest-a-Dale Resort company has been organized with Stanley Barnett, prominent Grand Rapids business man, as president. The company has a tract containing more than eleven hundred lots which are to be sold to the right kind of people on a club membership plan. There is a 14-room club house already erected on the grounds with Jack Rhoades in charge. A golf course is to be constructed. Applicants for membership must agree to observe certain building specifications which are contained in their contracts.

DAYTON DENTIST ERECTS OFFICE BUILDING

Dayton, Ohio, Dec. 21 (ANP).—What has been proclaimed as one of the most modern office buildings owned by Negroes in the state of Ohio has been erected by Dr. L. W. Hathcock, prominent dentist of this city, at 409 West Fifth street.

The building, which has been under construction for several weeks, was formally opened here Tuesday. The edifice is a two-story structure composed wholly of well-lighted and lavishly decorated offices, several of which are occupied by Dr. Hathcock. The offices are especially equipped for professional men, desiring laboratory and clinical space, and are modern in every respect.

OLDEST RESIDENT OF ARKANSAS COUNTY DIES

Helena, Ark., Dec. 21 (ANP).—Burt Swanson, aged 98, reputed to be the oldest resident of Phillips county died here Monday after a long illness. Mr. Swanson came to Phillips county 60 years ago and has lived here since that time. While he lived to see the Helena riot, the building of the county and Negroes vote the democratic ticket and in a democratic primary, he had never voted himself.

UNKNOWN WHITE MAN ATTACKS COLORED GIRL

New Orleans, La., Dec. 21 (ANP).—Police are investigating the story told by Catherine Craig, 14-year-old colored girl, 2131 Orleans street, who said that an unknown white man, posing as a meter inspector, entered the dry cleaning shop of Roger DeJean, where she was employed and attacked her. The girl is being treated at Charity hospital for bruises around the head and body. The girl was alone in the shop at the time. No lynching party has joined the investigators.

URGES YOUTHS TO SHUN CITIES

Tuskegee Institute, Ala., Dec. 21 (ANP).—"When you complete your education here, do not go to Chicago and New York, but go back to the communities from whence you came and help those who have not had your opportunities," was the advice of T. C. Walker, attorney and educator from Gloucester, Va.

Mr. Walker told of his early struggles to get into Hampton Institute and how later he went back to his county, started teaching and lecturing to his people on the subject of home ownership. For 40 years he has dedicated himself to this task and Gloucester county, Virginia, during that period has been transformed from a landless group, so far as Negroes are concerned, to a group of nineteen hundred families out of an approximate nineteen hundred and fifty who own their homes.

BOY KILLED BY FALLING WALL

New Orleans, La., Dec. 21 (ANP).—Edward Marshall, 10, will die as a result of a fractured skull received when a portion of a brick wall which was being demolished by workmen employed in wrecking the old Y. M. G. C. building, fell on him. The boy was almost buried by the falling bricks. He and his sister, who narrowly escaped death, were gathering fire wood from the structure.

NEGRO ADVANCES IN BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Survey Shows Great Strides of Colored People in Business and Industrial Field.

The fourth survey of this department covers one of the medium sized cities of the south. This may be compared with last week's survey as to the relative progressiveness of a city of the north with a similar population.

Survey of Texarkana, Ark.

Negro population by 1920 census 5,613. In this city, Negroes own and operate the following retail outlets:

- 2 drug stores
12 groceries
8 restaurants
Negroes also own and operate:
13 barber shops
4 beauty parlors
2 hotels
1 printing establishment
1 loa association
1 fraternal building company
3 public dance halls.

Four sick and accident insurance companies have branch offices located here, and likewise, three life

insurance companies. The population includes four physicians, two lawyers, two dentists, four undertakers, four real estate brokers, and one orchestral organization. The city employs 33 colored school teachers and there are four Negroes in the government postal service. The mass of colored wage earners find employment in the local railroad yards, a creosote plant and a post pipe factory. A local branch of the Negro Business league helps to promote additional commercial activity.

(Editor's comment: This survey indicates that the colored citizens of Texarkana are quite progressive and endeavoring to take advantage of their limited opportunities. Our report shows that two theaters are operated by whites for colored patrons. Here, possibly, is a field for some enterprising citizen to exploit. There is evidently a need also for a few music shops, a shoe store, a haberdashery, and a small laundry.

NEGROES DRIVEN FROM HOME BY WHITES

Farmerville, La., Dec. 21 (ANP).—Jim Lowery, Claude Hattaway, and J. L. Youngblood, white men, were arrested Monday and charged with having entered the home of Willie Sutton, after firing upon it and later demolishing the furniture.

Charges entailing capital punishment may be preferred against the trio as under Louisiana law entering a house at night and threatening life with guns is punishable by death or life imprisonment. The raid was instigated by a white man who wanted to move on the Roach plantation and occupy Sutton's house. Refusal of the owner of the plantation and of Sutton to move is believed to have angered him. Thereupon, he rallied a band and perpetrated the attack, it is claimed. The house was riddled with buckshot, but the occupants escaped injury by fleeing.

MILLIONAIRE LEAVES \$800,000 NEGRO CATHOLIC INSTITUTE

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 21 (ANP).—Judge Matthew O'Doherty, who died here last week, left to the Little Sisters of the Poor, a colored Catholic institution, \$800,000 and a like sum to the Good Shepherds, where white and colored are cared for. The following very interesting clause was found in his will:

"All of the rest of the said residue of my estate, real and personal. I will and devise in equal parts to the Little Sisters of the Poor, 10th and Magazine streets (or Home for the Aged and Poor, as it is called), and to the Sisters of Good Shepherd, with request which I know they will comply with, and I know they will remember me in their prayers. I regard the two institutions named in this clause as the very truest and noblest of charitable institutions. They make no distinction of race, creed, or color. I appreciate this and especially appreciate the fact that poor colored people for whom I have had a sincere regard, receive the same consideration from these good sisters which they extend to the white race."

FOURTEEN DROWN IN AFRICAN MARRIAGE RITUAL

New York City, Dec. 21 (ANP).—New African girls had drowned during the carrying out of the native marriage ritual near Johannesburg, South Africa, Thursday. All of the girls, aged 15, were participating in the customary rites which qualify them for marriage when they were trapped in a flood and drowned.

WOMAN ACQUITTED OF CHARGE OF MURDER

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 21 (ANP).—That Mrs. Amelia White was justified in killing Walter Bragg, near here, on September 24, was the decision of the court which acquitted the woman of the murder charge Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. White testified that Bragg had attacked her, and to prevent from killing her, she stabbed him. The wound proved fatal and the man died a few hours later.

LOUISIANA JAZZ BAND TOO MUCH FOR OHIO OUTFIT

Dayton, Ohio, Dec. 21 (ANP).—Public acclaim stamped the Hardy Brothers Radio orchestra of New Orleans, the victors in a "jazz contest" staged by the Louisiana aggregation and the Palace theater orchestra of this city here Saturday evening.

The visiting orchestra, which is a part of the stage production, "Sugar Cane," won the plaudits of the crowd completely with their rendition and interpretation of jazz. It was a real jazz contest between two premier orchestras and the better orchestra won.

FAMOUS JOCKEY DIES IN KENTUCKY

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 21 (ANP).—Babe Hurd, famous jockey in the early eighties who rode Apollo to victory in the Kentucky derby in 1882, died Friday at Long Ridge near Lexington. He was also a great steeplechase rider, and during the last 12 years has been employed by W. V. Thraves on the Long Ridge farm.

There are only a few of the old timers left. During the recent races in Louisville, there were two noted colored jockeys present. William Walker, who rode Ten Brook in the famous race between Ten Brook and Molly McCarty, and William (Monk) Overton, was present as a trainer.

COMMERCIAL NEWS ITEM

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 21 (ANP).—A third Negro bank is soon to be established here. Jesse Binga, president of the Binga State bank, with assets of more than \$2,000,000 has recently purchased the Kenwood National bank building, located at 47th street, and South Parkway.

Albion L. Halsey, secretary of the National Negro Business league, announced that the National Clean-Up and Paint-Up bureau of New York had continued its offer, through its secretary, R. W. Emerson, to give the silver trophy cups which are awarded each year during the annual session of the National Negro Business league.

NEGRO NEEDS POLITICAL POWER, SAYS DUBOIS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21 (ANP).—According to Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois, editor of The Crisis, the most important task before the Negro is the acquisition of political power. Speaking before the National Interracial conference, which is meeting here this week, Dr. Du Bois said:

"For 25 years this nation, and even the friends of the Negro, have decided that the question of the Negro vote should not be touched upon nor investigated. We do not, therefore, know how far Negroes vote today, only in a very general way."

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 21 (ANP).—Otis Williams, notorious boy burglar, is again in the clutches of the law. He was arrested by Officer Henry for a burglary committed in Santa Monica, Cal., on September 20. It is expected that he will draw a long term sentence in San Quentin.